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Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

CHAPTER 200 – Income: Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) Categories

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200.09.09 **PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES PERFORMED IN A SHELTERED WORKSHOP OR WORK ACTIVITIES CENTER**

Payment for services performed in a sheltered workshop or work activities center are what an individual receives for participating in a program designed to help him become self-supporting. Payments for such services are a type of earned income and are counted when received or when set aside for the person's use.

A sheltered workshop is a nonprofit organization or institution whose purpose is:

To carry out a recognized program of rehabilitation for handicapped workers; and/or

To provide such individuals with remunerative employment or other occupational rehabilitating activity of an educational or therapeutic nature.

A work activities center is:

A sheltered workshop, or

A physically separated department of a sheltered workshop having an identifiable program and separate supervision and records.

A work activities center is planned and designed exclusively to provide therapeutic activities for handicapped workers whose physical or mental impairment is so severe as to make their productivity capacity inconsequential.

Therapeutic activities are custodial activities such as activities where the focus is on teaching basic living skills and other purposeful activity so long as work production is not the main purpose.